BEAUTIPUL DISPLAYS OF WELL-KNOWN PUBLISHING HOUSES.

MANY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITIONS-WORKS WHICH ONE LONGS TO OWN.

Publications in greater variety, of more permaent value, as we as of contemporaneous interest, what one finds this year in the holiday display of the publishing houses of this city. It is safe to say that never before har the art of bookmaking been so well illustrated as at the present time, and a visit to any of the great publishing houses of the city will convince one of the truth of this statement. Books of history, biography, travel and fiction are all issued this year in an elaborate style that in many cases defies description. There combination of literary excellence and artistic perfection in the latest publications that makes the book lover bubble over with enthusiasm. It is not only the high-priced works that present such a rich appearance, for the publications at popular | books which prices are all presented in a form that makes each one a thing of beauty and a joy forever. Every volume published this year is an example of the remarkable advances made in the last few years in the art of bookmaking, and in the collection there books to suit all the diversified inclinations of

the art of bookmaking, and in the collection there are books to suit all the diversified inclinations of the present reading public.

SOME OF THE HARPER WORKS.

Down in Franklin Square, near the big Bridge and the East River, is that famous old publishing house of Harper & Brothers. At this time of the year there is an especial interest attached to this house on account of all the good things in literature it has prepared and is preparing for the lovers of books. The kinds of publications that intelligent readers are always rendy for, and for which they spend their money wisely, are being made at this publishing house from one end of the year to the ofther. Just now the presses are unusually active, and from the pressroom to the editorial-room there is one busy scene of Hfc. People who read the various weekly and monthly publications of the Harpers' wonder where the big concern finds time to make books, but these people know nothing of the vast resources of the firm and how really simple all the work is when properly systematized and judiciously managed.

This year the Harpers have published among others five books which well represent the artistic excellence of their work. One of them is that matter-of-fact romance, "The Cloister and the Hearth." by Charles Reade. This book is always welcome, and

by Charles Reade. This book is always welcome, and its present magnificent dress of holiday colors It is especially welcome. Martin Johnson, the illus-trator of the Garrield edition of "Ben Hur." has made for this new edition a series of drawings which are both characteristic and charming. The book is got up after the French style, and there te nothing lacking in its appearance that could mest improvement. The frontispiece is a picture of Charles Reade, taken from a painting of him which he left in his will to Harper & Brothers, The work which this firm considers the most noteworthy look of the season is a sumptuous volume entitled "Masters and Masterpieces of Engraving," Willis O. Chapin. This work, which is done in lavish style, comprises the history of engraving from the earliest times to the present day. The illustrations consist in great part of reproductions of representative works of the masters of the art at different stages of its development. There are sixty engravings and heliogravures, and to the lover of engravings and etchings the volume will prove a valuable treasure.

THE CHRIST CHILD IN ART.

The fine art in bookmaking is exemplified in the Christ Child in Art," by the Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke, just published by Harper & Brothers. It is a story of the nativity and boyhood of Christ, as related in the ancient legends and in the works of the great artists. The illustrations consist of nearly fifty full-page plates after the works of the old and modern masters from Botticello to Bouguereau. The book is beautifully made, and, appearing at this time of the year, it will be an ideal Christmas pres-"Riders of Many Lands," by Theodore A. Daige, illustrated by Frederick Remington, is a descriptive work on equestrianism in America and other countries. It is another specimen of welldeveloped art in publishing.

lovers nowadays always want their volumes with uncut edges and silt top. That is one of the fashions in books. "Italian Gardens," by Charles A. Platt, is published in the prevailing style, and presents an appearance that shows how well Harper & Brothers have developed fine art in their The Harpers now have ready the third volume of "A Short History of the English People." ill kinds published by this firm that it is impossible to write about them all. Just as soon as one thinks of the fine qualities of one book and begins to tell about it he thinks of some similar quality in another, and so he could go on for days and ks writing and thinking, and never come to an

e of the works published by Harper & Broth-Refugees," by A. Conan Doyle; "Cathedrals and Abbeys," by the Rev. Dr. Richard Wheatley; "The Boy Travellers in Southern Europe," "The Raven,"
"George William Curtis's Works," "London," by Walter Besant; "American Architecture," by Montgomery Schuyler; "Christmas in Song, Sketch and Story," "The Great West," by Julian Ralph, and "The Poets of the Nineteenth Century."

ESSAYS OF AMERICAN AUTHORS.

In Harper's series of "American Essayists" are to be found the best short essays of some of the most accomplished American writers. A new volume has just been added to the series by Charles Dudley Warner. It embraces sketches originally contributed to the "Editor's Drawer" of Harper's Magazine. Two books, by and about two famous Americans, are published for the holiday season by Har per & Brothers. One is "The Letters of James Russell Lowell" and the other is "The Works of George William Curtis," both being edited by Charles Ellot Norton. The latter book contains the political writings, and the orations and public speeches which gave Mr. Curtis much of his renown, as well as his essays on social and literary topics.

Grief. It was bound in Gruef's bindery in Paris, and it is the only one of the kind in existence. The binding is in hard morocco leather, beautifully carved. It is seidom that carving is applied to book-binding, as the leather can often be pressed in a way to imitate carved figures, but in this case the figures, which are many said beautiful, are the work of the carver's tools. The interior of the book is as beautiful as its covering, and there is no doubt that there is no more perfect specimen of the art of bookmaking in the country. It is valued at nearly 800.

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The Doves bookbindery in England is well known all over the world, but the fact that it was started by Cobden Sanderson, an English lawyer, is not so generally known. Sanderson had more taste for art than for law, and so he turned his attention to bookmaking as a fine art. He succeeded so well that he was soon able to establish a large bindery, and the excellence of its work became known fa. and wide. A distinctive feature about a well-bound book is that when the cover is opened it will stay open until closed. When a book is opened and the cover flies back as if it were worked by some automatic arrangement, you can be sure that the binding was not done in first-class style. Sanderson's books are perfect developments of the book-maker's art. The Scribners have a number of books from the'Doves bindery which are worth thousands of dollars, and they are all carefully and tastefully arranged in a glass case, presenting an exquisite exhibit.

This is the last holiday season that the publishing house of Charles Scribner's Sons will be at the downtown store, and they have made special efforts to have a Christmas display of books which will go far ahead of any previous exhibition. In one display window there is a choice collection or books bound especially for them in London, and In another window is a collection bound for them in Paris.

This firm makes a specialty each year in getting up in artistic style a book on the life and works some famous artist. This year the leading feature is Emile Michel's work on Rembrand.
The work is not only a lifelike portrait of the man and the artist, but a gallery of reproductions in color, in photogravure and in black and white of Rembrandt's finest paintings and etchings. More

than 300 of these have been selected from the public galleries and from the most famous private colicitors of England and the Continent, and they are marvellous light effects and from the most famous private colicitors of England and the Continent, and they are marvellous light effects and from the most prominent features of the Scribners is charm of the book lies in the Elustrations. There are ifferen according to the Elustrations and the Continent, and the Continent and the Continent and the Continent and the Continent are in the Elustrations. The standard classics are having a great state and more than 100 other this year, and the degree of perfection which has been produced in the rich and handsome flustrations a great sele, and a great stale, and a great stale, and a strataged classics are having a greatest demand. Mr. Haltrated ones are in the I know the Best of All, has been produced in the rich and handsome flustration of the book trade to the England the proving that there are two ends to a prominent ones on the Scribners' seleves. A holl-range flustration of fine art in bookmaking, and they are allily yet if you go to Tattersall's at Fifty-ditagration and of the Napoleonic-era. It is published to the result of the Control of the Napoleonic-era. It is published to the result of the Control of the Napoleonic-era. It is published to the result of the Napoleonic-era. It is published in the original and the control of the Napoleonic-era. It is published in the original and the Napoleonic-era. It is published in the original and the Napoleonic-era. It is published to the result of the Napoleonic-era. It is published in three volumes.

EXACUTIFUL BOOKS FOR CHILDREN.

DEAUTIFUL BOOKS FOR CHILDREN. There is a certain fascination about children's makes them interesting for older people, and offtime a parent will buy a book for child, not so much because the child may want something like the case of a man who is glad he has a boy when the circus visits his town, for he then has an excuse for going, while the unfortu-

IN A LITERARY PARADISE.

In West Twenty-third-st., right in the path of the shoppers who infest this district of the cly, is the publishing house of G. P. Patnam's Sons, of place where one may find a literary paradise, for when one is once inside the door there comes some sort of a peaceful, restful feeling that is always present in the presence of books. There is one book in this store which is calming considerable attention just naw, on account of its well-known ilterary merit and the handsome way in which it has been published. It is the Peter Stuyvesant edition of Irving's 'Knickerbocker's History of New-York.' It is beautifully printed from a new type on the best veilum paper, with 225 cristinal drawings, made especially by Edward W. Kennile. The full-page Hissirations are proofs on Japan paper, and are mounted in the text. Each page is surrounded with a characteristic border, delicately printed in gold and colors. It is in two volumes, bound in full English calf, with gilt tops and rough edges. Two hundred and eightyone copies are printed, being one copy for each year since the settlement of New-York by the Dutch, in 1614. They will be numbered from 1614 to 1894. The book is sold only by subscription. The Van Twiller edition of 'Knickerbocker's History of New-York' with 25 original drawings, is published by the Putnams this year at a lower price than the Peter Stuyvesant edition. The best aftit-book is good literature in the most suitable and most attractive form, and "Knickerbocker's History of New-York' is such a work. If Walter the Doubter, William the Jester, and Peter the Headstrong, the three Dutch Governors of New-Amsterdam, gould awakesome fine marning and stroll down Twenty-thirds to the publishing house of the Putnams, they would puff with pride to see the many who were anxious to buy the book which tells about the unutterable ponderings of Watter, the disastrous ments of Peter.

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with a number of interesting illustrations. and Miss Kavanagh's "Woman in France During | hibitions which have been seen in this city in a the Eighteenth Century" are two works published by the Putnams worthy of mention. Both works travelling managerie as are the civilized convenelaborately bound and finely printed. Knickerbocker Nuggets series was started ten years Buluwayo, Bangkok or Benares places are by this house, and at present the list contains forty-two complete works selected from the world's classics. The series include works by Swift, Moore, Leigh Hunt, Sydney Smith, Thackeray, Dr. Quincey, Franklin, Mrs. Gaskell, Goldsmith and other

Edwin A. Barber.

The best and most complete book for the young published by the Putnams is "Tales from the Arabian Nights." pictured by John D. Batten. The work of Mr. Batten as an illustrator of refined imagination and keen sense of humor has made his forty tales from "The Arabian Nights" rank as one of the distinctive books of the season. "The Little Mermaid" is another interesting book for children published by this firm. "Chinese Nights, charming fairy tales, illustrated by native gritists, by Adele M. Fielde, covers a new and distinctive field of folklore that has made it one of the noted books of the year.

ATTRACTIONS OF MANY SORTS.

house of E. P. Dutton, which has long been known for the fine quality of its imported books and stationery. It is one of the targe church and juvenile publishing houses of this city. This year its Kings, who made friends of every one he met while publishing houses of this city. This year its Kings, who made friends of every one he met while counters are filled with rich and magnificent lit- at the Waldorf; fancy any of these telling at home erary gems, and also with an abundance of imported calendars from the famous Nuremberg presses. The works of Phillips Brooks are published by this house, and the latest of his works, the sixth series of his sermons just out, is now on sale.

Russell Lowell: and the other is 'The Works of Charge Killiam Curlis,' both being edited by the control of Charge Killiam Curlis,' both being edited by the control of Charge Killiam Curlis,' both being edited by the control of Charge Killiam Curlis,' both being edited by the control of Charge Killiam Curlis,' both being edited by the political manual of the carations and public speeches which gas and the orations and public speeches which gas and the orations and public speeches which gas and the orations and public speeches which gas and the political manual of the transporter of the coming and through the caration of the caratic control of the coming the many attractive features is a poem entitled "How Love Came," by Allec Archer Sewall, illustrated by Guy Rose, "The Winning of the Essandia of "How Love Came," by Allec Archer Sewall, illustrated by Guy Rose, "The Winning of the Essandia of "How Love Came," by Allec Archer Sewall, illustrated by Guy Rose, "The Winning of the Essandia of "How Gentlemen of Verons," a comment on Stakespear's comedy, by Andrew Lang, illustrated by E. A. Albey, "Harper's Magazine," by Howard Pyte, and "Two Gentlemen of Verons," a comment on Stakespear's comedy, by Andrew Lang, illustrated by E. A. Albey, "Harper's Magazine," by Howard Pyte, and "Two Gentlemen of Verons," a comment on Stakespear's comedy, by Andrew Lang, illustrated by E. A. Albey, "Harper's Magazine," by Howard Pyte, and "Two Gentlemen of Verons," a comment on Stakespear's comedy, by Andrew Lang, illustrated by E. A. Albey, "Harper's Magazine," by Howard Pyte, and "Two Gentlemen of Verons," a comment on Stakespear's comedy, by Andrew Lang, illustrated by E. A. Albey, "Harper's Weekly," "Harper's Rome can be said of "Harper's W

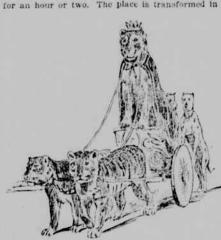
A CHARMING FLORIDA RESORT.

Enterprise, Fla., Dec. 9 (Special).—The celebrated St. John's River at this point is known as Lake Monroe, and is about six miles in width. Lake Monroe is the head of navigation on the river, and Monroe is the head of navigation on the river, and is 125 miles south of Jacksonville. The trip up the river from the latter city to Enterprise, which is delightfully located on the north bank of Lake Monroe, is a pretty one and interesting at every

Enterprise from being the head of navigation is quite a resort, and in fact one of the oldest resorts in Florida. Fishing in the lake is excellent, and black bass and trout abound, one man staying at the Brock House last winter having a record of 1,610 pounds of bass in twenty-seven consecutive days. The best part of fishing in Florida is that one does not have to go such a long distance to find the fish, and as a rule either along the St. John's or Indian River it is only necessary for a man to row out 160 yards from shore and generally within a stone's throw of his hotel, to be in the midst of them. Hunting is uso good here, and quall, snipe, wild turkeys and ever deer are within easy reach of the sportsman.

Enterprise has a famous hotel, and this year it is in experienced and popular hands. The Brock House is located on a fine bleff, overlooking the river and lake, flanked on two sides by orange trees with a fine lawn in front, running down to the lake's edge. The house has been purchased by George S. Atkins & Sons, of the Ocean Hotel, Asbury Park, N. J., and its success under their management is assured. Mr. Atkins has brought south with him a finely fitted steam launch, which will be at the service of his guests and will doubtless be popular. The Brock House will open about December 29. Enterprise from being the head of navigation is

too positively negative about anything in the ial world. All that you have heard about the Hon, all that you have heard about the tiger-not meaning this time the striped iniquity of Fourteenth-st,-all that you have heard about the wild boar and his dreadful tusks, about the cat-like panther, and about the bear, whose deadly hugs this, if learned in books only or from the pen, for den and violent displacement, should you drop in at for an hour or two. The place is transformed in a



left out-if a trifle more attention were paid to the No "thrill of horror" goes up from the spectators

feroclous beasts of the jungle; nevertheless many degree or quality of their emotion is known only to he is supposed to jump on the back of the herse which is circling around the ring as soon as he passes underneath him; but that is all. The growlparticle of self-respect would remain for any length of time in the humiliating position which he is Mehrman, the two leading animal temers in the show, know, but when you ask them for an exmerely "wink the other eye.

Mrs. Frances Elliot's book, "Old Court Life in | It is not too much to assert that this show is one of the most remarkable and instructive of the exlong while. It is as far ahead of the old-time Buluwaye, Bangkok or Benares places within whose vicinage the roar of wild beasts is as familiar said the trainer, "and when we have make the precautions we can do no more."

These, have and one more in the processor within the processor Meditings seventeen animals into Professor Meditings almost what he likes with land, for having the impudence to defend his country hoping to make headway against the white man.

Such a sight, too, might have prolonged by many years the life of the late lamented Akhoond of Swat, and saved Albert Baker, better known as the Sultan of Johore, from being obliked to enter the baby plea that he was a "reigning monarch" who

Suitan of Johore, from being obliked to enter the baby plea that he was a "reigning monarch" when a dashing beauty charged him recently in the Engine courts with breach of promise.

Think again of any of the Oriental Pfinces who were here not long ago, and who went away all to soon for their own good, telling their subjects in India when they got back that there was a more profitable way of getting rid of wild animals than shooting them. Fancy the Nawab of Rampur, who "cooked his own victuals" so to speak, in the Windsor Hotel last summer, the Thekore Sahit of Morvi, whose flowing robes perfumed the halls and bedracem of the Process of the long and bedracem of the Process of the long and bedracem of the Process of the Rampur, who were likeling their copies. The other beaats were in separate cages and were licking their chops. The day's work was over, it was gerting on toward it o'clock, and they had just direct. There is another bookstore in West Twenty"cooked his own victuals" so to speak, in the
third-st., right next door to the Putnams. It is the
Windsor Hotel last summer, the Thekore Sahih of

"In the Central Park menagerie the animals are fed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon," suggested the Kings, who made friends of every one he met while at the Waldorf; fancy any of these telling at home what they saw Mchrman and Darling do with the wild animals at Hagenbeck's Show, and you can be made a crowd of Indian ryots "holler" in consequence of the control of th is bound to be perfectly honest

The house is circular, and the cage in which the formance with three wild boars," as the pro-

gramme says.

Take a look now at what goes on from the moment the gates are thrown open and Miss Marcella Berg appears. She is young, is dressed in green silk, has long boots reaching to the knees, and wears a kindly and a benevolent look.

With a look of flutte agony seems to appear for mercy.

"It is a colossal bluff, but the lion doesn't know it, and he never will know it until this precaution to freel the wind, and he had been to feel the wind, and then—then," and the Professor took a few steps back and forth while he whistled in low murmuring tones a few bars of the latest topical tune, "Why, then, I suppose, the deluge." There is nothing in her eyes to inspire terror; so whether it is with her eyes or not that she governs the animals which she handles is her secret. You think of the representation of "The Lion's Bride" when you see her at work, though the last time the people saw her perform in the Midway Plaisance it looked as if she were a more faithful personification of "The Tiger's Supper." She appeared one day in a new costume in the

"I didn't have time to be frightened. Tigers have notions of their own as to what is the proper caper in such conditions, and they refuse to talk. You can never tell when one of them is going to attack you. Then when I got time to be frightened I was like the French lady who wished to be exasively polite, engaged in dying, and didn't have

Yes, I felt certain that that was the last time

I should ever again appear at my favorite work, but you see I feel my old self now again, and am but you see I feel my old self now again, and am as ready to put Charley—that's the tiger's name, you know—through his tricks as ever before."

Miss Perg is said to be the best trainer of elephants that can be found anywhere, and from the fact that she hears no ill-will to the figer who tried to devour her, it is not unreasonable to assume that she would be a fitting successor to her namesake, Henry Bergh, who for many years made himself famous, not alone in New-York, but throughout America and in many parts of Europe as well, for the painstaking interest with which he watched over the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Mies Berg has not resumed her association in public with Charley yet, but she is determined to do so soon. At present she makes two Shetland ponies, two boarhounds, and an elephant called Topsy, perform in the ring in common, and in a manner that is little short of astonishing to behold. When Miss Berg bows and retires the iron bars of the cage are closed, and the appearance of three ulformed entinels standing without the gates heightens the expectancy. There is as much an attempt at scenic as there is at artistic stractiveners, which is so greatly in vogue nowadays off the boards, as well as on the boards. Presently a big boarhound—"the largest boarhound in the world," the programme says—comes

RESERVED UP ITS COURTER

"Why does the dog bark?" the professor was

"But the Hon shows no disposition to hurt him-'t even seem to be aware of his presence?'

name. There is nothing slow about William, sout his riding flon Black Prince, nor his Lula, nor his dog Nora, It is believed that of evil intentions

"In the Central Park menagerie the animals are

HOW THE WHIP IS USED.

show takes place is also circular, the arched roof narrowing gradually to a point at the top. This is an admirable arrangement, for there is not a rawhide they know how it feels. In case of the part of the house from which all that is going on whip, which I crack loudly when they are more part of the house from which all that is going on within the iron bars is not plainly visible. The floor of the cage is about four feet from the ground and is made as firm as the solid earth by stanch uprights beneath. There is a sawdust pathway three feet wide around the edge, and a carpet in the centre. At a certain stage of the show this is removed. It reminds one of the ring of a country circus, and the comparison is heightened by the appearance of Professor Beketow, "the original Russian clown and trainer, in his wonderful performance with three wild boars," as the pro-

A RELIC OF BLACK HAWK. Norwich, Conn., Dec. 9 (Special).-Dr. W. S. C.

Perkins, of this city, lately acquired a valuable family heirloom, it being a murderous-looking tomahawk which the famous chief Black Hawk used. The tomahawk is of iron, with a steel-edged hatchet on one side of its head, and a long, sharp pick, like an ice-pick, on the other. It has a She appeared one day in a new costume in the ring, and that is the reason the tiger bit her so many times in the right leg, and was arranging to cat her up, only the keepers came to her aid and wouldn't let him.

"I did not suppose that a mere animal could harbor such unreasonable prejudice against a new dress," suggested the writer.

"Not against a new dress per se, as they say." she answered with a merry twinkle of the eye, she answered with a merry twinkle of the eye, she answered with a merry twinkle of the eye, she answered with a merry twinkle of the eye, ontot call forth. With a new costume I was to that animal an entirely new individual whose powers of command or of resistence he had no means of estimating, except in ordinary animal fashion, namely, that of sampling with his teeth and claws

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FROM BENCH AND BAR.

THE COURTS.

Two of the judges of courts of record are enafter years of service on the bench. Surrogate Ransom has been an industrious and efficient judge of that important court and has maintained the honorable traditions of the office which has been filled by many well-known lawyers. In the been re-elected, will continue in office, and Judge Henry P. McGown, who has nearly reached the limit of age for judicial office, is closing his labors, He belongs to a well-known New-York family, and



J. M. FITZSIMONS. H. P. M'GOWN,

his ancestors were prominent in the history of have been made through political intrigue, and, recently united in giving him a dinner, at which

the interesting questions raised on appeal before Presiding Justice Van Brunt and Judges O'Brien Court were those as to the con rol of the property of convicts sentenced to life imprisonment and as to the liens of attorneys in street opening proceedings. The discussion as to whether an attorney has a lien on property in assessment cases, even opportunity for a wide-reaching decision. A phase tate was also before the General Term judges. The lawyers have been engaged for five years in disputing over the property left by Abner Mellea, and the Court of Appeals and lesser tribunals had rendered decisions on one or another branch of the controversy. A decision of the General Term is asked for in another proceeding as to whether annuities under the will of C. V. S. Roosevelt are

The decisions of last week in the Court of Appeals were principally on minor matters especially on the too-frequent motions for reargument to as which they have already expressed. The judg-ent in the action between the executors of Peter pany to the amount of \$3,100, and the main question deckled was as to whether the bonds were designed to take the pince of the money deposit as a gift to his daughter. The courts held that the bonds were bought as a substitute for the money, and the deposit formed a part of the father's estate. The most important legal question which arose was as to the right of the wisow to testify as to conversations between her husband and the daughter. The wife had, under the will, the income from her husband's estate, but before testifying she released all interest in the particular sum of money in dispute. a new trial argued that not to receive any benefit ne could testify, but the dmission of the testimony The counsel who sought is she should have agreed in under the will before she courts have upheld the adjuncter the release of any sum of money.

The Court of Appeals also passed upon some railway cases. In the case of Babcock against the Fitchburg Railroad Company the plaintiff sought and to recover damages for the death of her son, who he was employed. The explosion was apparently railway. Bituminous coal was used in the engine, and the plaintiff argued that a proper "spark-arfed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon," suggested the rester" was not used. The case was twice before

"I have a rawhide and a buggy-whip," he answered, "and they both fulfil a function, I use the hide on their hides often, but I never touch a caping from his house after stealing some plate and he fired two shots after them. Later in the night he met one of the burglars and secured some of the glar running away with the remaining booty if he had not left his revolver at home. The correspondent afterward doubted whether he had the legal right to use his weapon when the burglar was running away and he consulted two or three judges who were his friends. He was advised that he might shoot a burglar fleeing in the dark to prevent his escape from arrest. In an English court recently a householder was trief for assault on the complaint of a self-confessed burglar, whom he discovered in his kitchen and whom he shot in the body. The burglar in his testimony appeared to think that the householder took an unfair advantage in firing from a dark room into the kitchen, where the thief was pursuing his occupation by candlelight. The judge, however, directed an acquittal. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has reversed the conviction of manslaughter in the case of a Waynesburg clitzen who shot and killed a thef as he was leaving his stable. The burglar had stolen a part of a set of harness from the stable on a previous night and had promised to deliver the rest of it to an intending purchaser, and so returned to the stable to complete the theft. The citizen called on the thief to stop and fired a shot in the air. The thief turned and selzed the householder, who then again discharged the revolver, inflicting a fatal wound. A Pennsylvania jury on some peculiar theory convicted the defendant, but the Supreme Court intimated that he had a right to pursue and arrest the thief. right to use his weapon when the burglar was run-

A CENTURY OLD CHURCH.

Itninebock, N. Y., Dec. 9 (Special).—The centennial of the founding of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in this place, was celebrated on Thursday. One bishop, many clergymen, and a host of the laity, gathered in the old edifice, which was decorated with century plants and palms. The historical address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. John G. Oakley, of New-York, Among the clergy present were Bishop E. G. Andrews, of New-York, and the Rev. Drs. C. S. Harrower, Ostrander Richard Wheatley, U. G. Browning, J. J. Dean, E. Lewis, N. A. Chadwick, and J. G. Oakley At the evening service Bishop Andrews preached on the "Advance of Christianity in the Last Century,"

ARMY NOTES OF INTEREST.

The programme for the competitive tests of GATHERED FROM LAWYERS AND AMONG rapid-fire guns, which is to begin at the Sandy Hook proving grounds in a few days, has been completed, and shows that the contest will be on much larger scale than that which took place at gaged this mouth in finishing their societal duties the Indian Head proving grounds, near Annapolis, after years of cervice on the bench. Surrogate recently. It will relate more particularly to simplicity and strength of mechanism and rapidity for the trial there will be the Hotchkiss, Seabury, Driggs-Schroeder and Sponsel guns. There will also be several foreign guns in the contest.

> Licutenant John A. Dapray, who was nominated for one of the vacant paymasterships last winter and falled of confirmation by the Senate, is one of the officers who had been on duty pertaining to the War Department exhibit at the World's Fair. He has been ordered to join his regiment in Texas. A number of other officers who had been on detached service have been ordered back to their regiments, and now there will be less cause of complaint by commanding officers that the interests of the Army are seriously effected because of details of efficers on duty away from their regiments; still many of the regiments are yet without their proper complement of officers, and others have to do double duty in consequence.

Brigadier-General E. S. Otis, who was recently promoted to the vacancy caused by the retirement of General W. P. Carlin, has also been ordered to succeed to the old command of General Carlin-the Department of the Columbia-with headquarters at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. It has someupper New-York. Judge McGown will be succeeded | apparently, there has been circumstantial evidence in support of such a statement; but that cannot b recently united in giving him a dinner, at which congratulations were offered and speeches compilmentary to him were made. The City Court has grown in the importance of its duties, and the ivench of that court will be strengthened by Mr. Conian's presence.

The General Terms of he Supreme and Superior courts opened on Monday, and the cases were rapidly disposed of, as the arguments were short or cases were submitted without argument. Among the interesting questions raised on appeal before three-displacements are the case in the 'promotion of Colonel Otis, General Schofield urged him upon President Harrison and secured his nomination then, but he failed of confirmation. General Schofield urged him upon President Harrison and secured his nomination then, but he failed of confirmation. General Schofield urged him upon President Harrison and secured his nomination then, but he failed of confirmation. General Schofield urged him upon President Harrison and secured his nomination then, but he failed of confirmation. General Schofield urged him upon President Harrison and secured his nomination then, but he failed of confirmation. General Schofield urged him upon President Harrison and secured his nomination then, but he failed of confirmation. General Schofield urged him upon President Harrison and secured his nomination then, but he failed of confirmation. General Schofield urged him upon President Harrison and secured his nomination then, but he failed of confirmation. General Schofield urged him upon President Harrison and secured his nomination.

> that experiments were being made with aluminium of officers detailed on Army equipments will take bility of adopting aluminium for canteens, cartridge boxes, helmet spikes, belt equipment, buttons, cap and belt ornaments, etc. Though it is admitted that the metal possesses the advantage of light-ness, absence of danger from corrosion or tarnish-ing, the question of comparative strength will be one that the board intends to give thorough con-sideration.

the Columbian Guards at the World's Fair have organized "the Society of the Columbian Guard." Colonel J. S. Sanderson is the president, Another organization formed by officers who were on duty ing Club." A committee has been appointed to arrange for tournaments to be held on the lagoons in Jackson Park at frequent intervals during the winter. The formation of these societies will afford an opportunity to one who recently gave vent to his opinion that the Military Order of the bus which they have already expressed. The judgment in the action between the executors of Peter F. O'Brien was affirmed. Mr. O'Brien in 18Tl deposited \$2,500 in a savings bank, as guardian for his daughter. Ten years later he bought for his daughter bonds of a street surface railway company to the amount of \$3,100, and the main question of Section of the Grand Army of the Republic is easily understood—by its vote." It is daughter bonds of a street surface railway company to the amount of \$3,100, and the main question discibled was not to whether the bonds were designed.

amount of extra work just now, in the way of running telegraph wires, and the Government no doubt is better off in having men in the Army capable of doing such work, independent of contractors. There has been considerable trouble in getting a telegraph line along the Texas border. The work has just been completed, under charge of Lieutenant Glassford. The contractor had trouble with his workmen, and when the line was only half laid he abandoned the work, leaving the laborhalf all he abandoned the vice that the control of the work and completed it. Sergeant J. H. Young, also of the Signal Corps, has been ordered to relieve Sergeant H. W. Chadwick, who is an expert telegraph-line builder, and is directed to take charge of rebuilding the telegraph line between Fort Grant and San Carlos, Arizona Territory.

Reference to the Signal Corps was indirectly made a few days ago by Lieutenant Brainerd, of the 2d Cavalry, one of the six survivors of the Greely Arctic expedition, who said: "Sergean Henry Biederbick, who was the hospital steward is now an inspector of customs in New-York City; Francis Long is in the Weather Bareau, in New-Francis Long is in the Weather Bareau, in Sweller Bureau, in Indianapolis, and Morris Connell is in the same bureau, while General Greely, who was the only officer of the expedition who was saved, is, as is well known, the Chief Signal Officer of the United States Army. As for myself, I am now stationed at Fort Wingate, New-Mexico."

The revision of the Army Regulations, now being made under Lieutenant French, will soon be com-pleted. The work can scarcely be called a revision, since changes in the existing regulations are not authorized, the officer being directed merely odify and put in proper place the new regulations that have been promulgated from time to time since the last issue of the book of Army laws, and to expurge such matters as have been revoked by

If one doubts that discipline is not preserved in the Army he would better give his attention to the sentences of courts-martial upon offenders. For instance, Sergeant Joseph Bagley, of the 8th Infantry, while taking a squad of armed men to the post exchange at Fort Washakie, Wyoming, assaulted a private in the 6th Cavalry, and has been reduced to a private, fined 899, and relegated to confinement at hard labor for six months.

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